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## University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Senate Meeting

February 25, 2026 - 5:00 pm

Student Union Room 330, University at Buffalo North Campus  
Amherst, NY 14260

### Present

**Aisha Adam**, SA President; **Mason Bayer**, SA Vice President for Advocacy; **Will Dong\***, SA Vice President for Clubs; **Ben Lau**, SA Vice President for Events; **Jack Koscinski**, SA Treasurer; **Aidan Thomas**, Senate Chairperson; **Aeaad Alawaad**, Senator; **Adam Bilali**, Senator; **Joshua Brodsky**, Senator; **Cole DeVantier**, Senator; **Arya Dixit**, Senator; **Sierra Fernandez**, Senator; **Ismat Haque**, Senator; **Piyush Ohri**, Senator; **Grant Peterson\***, Senator; **Rima Saeed**, Senator; **Ryder Albano**, Engineering Council Coordinator; **Leya Skaria**, Hobby Council Coordinator; **Akash Shah**, International Council Coordinator; **Manal Al Bahantah\***, People of Color Council Coordinator.

Asterisk (\*) indicates member arrived late or left prior to adjournment.

### Absent

**Michaelangelo Fontana**, Senator; **Nour Touti**, Academic Council Coordinator; **Nasra Isse**, Special Interest Council Coordinator; **Devin Hendricks**, Sports Council Coordinator.

### Call to Order

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, calls the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, proceeds to call the roll.

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|----------------|---------|
| Aisha Adam     | Present |
| Mason Bayer    | Present |
| Will Dong      | Absent  |
| Ben Lau        | Present |
| Jack Koscinski | Present |
| Aidan Thomas   | Present |
| Aeaad Alawaad  | Present |
| Adam Bilali    | Present |

|                       |         |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Joshua Brodsky        | Present |
| Cole DeVantier        | Present |
| Arya Dixit            | Present |
| Sierra Fernandez      | Present |
| Michaelangelo Fontana | Absent  |
| Ismat Haque           | Present |
| Piyush Ohri           | Present |
| Grant Peterson        | Absent  |
| Rima Saeed            | Present |
| Nour Touti            | Absent  |
| Ryder Albano          | Present |
| Leya Skaria           | Present |
| Akash Shah            | Present |
| Manal Al Bahantah     | Absent  |
| Nasra Isse            | Absent  |
| Devin Hendricks       | Absent  |
| 17 Present, 7 Absent  |         |

Finding a quorum is present, the Senate proceeds with the order of business.

### Approval of Minutes

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces February 11, 2026 Senate Meeting Minutes for consideration.

Motion to approve February 11, 2026 Senate Meeting Minutes by Sierra Fernandez; second Mason Bayer.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

**\*\*Result: February 11, 2026 Senate Meeting Minutes are approved.\*\***

### Old Business

None.

## New Business

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces SA Budget Adjustment #25-12 for consideration.

Motion to approve SA Budget Adjustment #25-12 by Ryder Albano; second Aisha Adam.

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Aisha Adam       | Yes |
| Mason Bayer      | Yes |
| Ben Lau          | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski   | Yes |
| Aidan Thomas     | Yes |
| Aeaad Alawaad    | Yes |
| Adam Bilali      | Yes |
| Joshua Brodsky   | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier   | Yes |
| Arya Dixit       | Yes |
| Sierra Fernandez | Yes |
| Ismat Haque      | Yes |
| Piyush Ohri      | Yes |
| Rima Saeed       | Yes |
| Ryder Albano     | Yes |
| Leya Skaria      | Yes |
| Akash Shah       | Yes |

17 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve SA Budget Adjustment #25-12 passes 17-0-0.

**\*\*Result: SA Budget Adjustment #25-12 is approved.\*\***

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#19 (“Resolution to Remove Senator from Advocacy Committee at Such Senator’s Request”) for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#19 by Ben Lau; second Joshua Brodsky.

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Aisha Adam       | No  |
| Mason Bayer      | Yes |
| Ben Lau          | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski   | No  |
| Aidan Thomas     | Yes |
| Aeaad Alawaad    | No  |
| Adam Bilali      | No  |
| Joshua Brodsky   | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier   | No  |
| Arya Dixit       | No  |
| Sierra Fernandez | No  |
| Ismat Haque      | No  |
| Piyush Ohri      | No  |
| Rima Saeed       | No  |
| Ryder Albano     | No  |
| Leya Skaria      | No  |
| Akash Shah       | No  |

4 Yes, 13 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#19 does not pass 4-13-0.

**\*\*Result: Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#19 does not pass.\*\***

**\*\*Will Dong, SA Vice President for Clubs, and Grant Peterson, Senator, enter at 5:10 pm.\*\***

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#20 (“Resolution to Update Insurance Requirements for International Travel”) for consideration.

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#20 by Jack Koscinski; second Mason Bayer.

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Aisha Adam  | Yes |
| Mason Bayer | Yes |

|                  |     |
|------------------|-----|
| Will Dong        | Yes |
| Ben Lau          | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski   | Yes |
| Aidan Thomas     | Yes |
| Aeaad Alawaad    | Yes |
| Adam Bilali      | Yes |
| Joshua Brodsky   | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier   | Yes |
| Arya Dixit       | Yes |
| Sierra Fernandez | Yes |
| Ismat Haque      | Yes |
| Piyush Ohri      | Yes |
| Grant Peterson   | Yes |
| Rima Saeed       | Yes |
| Ryder Albano     | Yes |
| Leya Skaria      | Yes |
| Akash Shah       | Yes |

19 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#20 passes 19-0-0.

**\*\*Result: Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#20 is approved.\*\***

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#21 (“By-Laws Amendment to Clarify Voting Timeframes for SA Elections”) for consideration.

Motion to deny Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#21 by Ben Lau; second Ryder Albano.

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Aisha Adam     | Yes |
| Mason Bayer    | Yes |
| Will Dong      | Yes |
| Ben Lau        | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski | Yes |

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Aidan Thomas     | Yes     |
| Aeaad Alawaad    | Yes     |
| Adam Bilali      | Abstain |
| Joshua Brodsky   | Abstain |
| Cole DeVantier   | Yes     |
| Arya Dixit       | Yes     |
| Sierra Fernandez | Abstain |
| Ismat Haque      | Yes     |
| Piyush Ohri      | Yes     |
| Grant Peterson   | Abstain |
| Rima Saeed       | Yes     |
| Ryder Albano     | Yes     |
| Leya Skaria      | Yes     |
| Akash Shah       | Yes     |

15 Yes, 0 No, 4 Abstain

Motion to deny Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#21 passes 15-0-4.

**\*\*Result: Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#21 is denied.\*\***

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#22 (“Ensuring Transparency in the Oversight of the Elections and Compliance Chairperson”) for consideration.

Motion to enter a five-minute period of question-and-answer by Aidan Thomas; second Jack Kosciński.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

**\*\*Result: The Senate enters a five-minute period of question-and-answer.\*\***

Motion to deny Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#22 by Ryder Albano; second Sierra Fernandez.

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Aisha Adam  | Yes |
| Mason Bayer | Yes |
| Will Dong   | Yes |

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|------------------|-----|
| Ben Lau          | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski   | Yes |
| Aidan Thomas     | Yes |
| Aeaad Alawaad    | Yes |
| Adam Bilali      | Yes |
| Joshua Brodsky   | No  |
| Cole DeVantier   | Yes |
| Arya Dixit       | Yes |
| Sierra Fernandez | Yes |
| Ismat Haque      | Yes |
| Piyush Ohri      | Yes |
| Grant Peterson   | No  |
| Rima Saeed       | Yes |
| Ryder Albano     | Yes |
| Leya Skaria      | Yes |
| Akash Shah       | Yes |

17 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to deny Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#22 passes 17-2-0.

**\*\*Result: Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#22 is denied.\*\***

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#23 (“Endorsing a Student Body Referendum on Student Space Allocation”) for consideration.

Motion to enter a five-minute period of question-and-answer by Aidan Thomas; second Sierra Fernandez.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

**\*\*Result: The Senate enters a five-minute period of question-and-answer.\*\***

**\*\*Manal Al Bahantah, People of Color Council Coordinator, enters at 5:32 pm.\*\***

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#23 by Jack Koscinski; second Grant Peterson.

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Aisha Adam        | Yes |
| Mason Bayer       | Yes |
| Will Dong         | Yes |
| Ben Lau           | Yes |
| Jack Koscinski    | Yes |
| Aidan Thomas      | Yes |
| Aeaad Alawaad     | Yes |
| Adam Bilali       | Yes |
| Joshua Brodsky    | Yes |
| Cole DeVantier    | Yes |
| Arya Dixit        | Yes |
| Sierra Fernandez  | Yes |
| Ismat Haque       | Yes |
| Piyush Ohri       | Yes |
| Grant Peterson    | Yes |
| Rima Saeed        | Yes |
| Ryder Albano      | No  |
| Leya Skaria       | Yes |
| Akash Shah        | Yes |
| Manal Al Bahantah | Yes |

19 Yes, 1 No, 0 Abstain

Motion to approve Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#23 passes 19-1-0.

**\*\*Result: Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#23 is approved.\*\***

Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson, introduces announcements.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Senate meeting by Aidan Thomas; second Grant Peterson.

Without objection, motion passes with unanimous consent.

**\*\*Result: Meeting is adjourned at 5:45 pm.\*\***

## SA Budget Adjustment #25-12

|  | Current SAFE<br>Budget Balance | Adjustment<br>Amount | New SAFE<br>Budget Balance | Description  |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Administration-Interest Revenue                            | \$ -                           | \$ (9,905.90)        | \$ (9,905.90)              | Move to Eweek, Cap Equip & Off Supplies  |
| Engineering Week-Activity Expense                          | \$ 50.00                       | \$ 750.00            | \$ 800.00                  | Eweek - from Int Rev   |
| Administration-Capital Equipment Purchases                 | \$ 1,093.09                    | \$ 6,645.90          | \$ 7,738.99                | Cap Equip - from Int Rev   |
| Administration-Office Supplies                             | \$ 1,364.46                    | \$ 10,430.57         | \$ 11,795.03               | Off Supp - from Int Rev, 2510+Ticket Off Rev<br>3160.57+ LT Plan AMC and Other Ticket<br>Distribution 4760 |
| Administration-Ticket Office                               | \$ -                           | \$ 11,566.54         | \$ 11,566.54               | Tix Office - from Tix Office Rev   |
| Administration-Ticket Office Revenue                       | \$ -                           | \$ (14,727.11)       | \$ (14,727.11)             | Move to Tix Office & Off Supp  |
| LT Plan AMC and Other Ticket Distribution-Activity Expense | \$ 4,760.00                    | \$ (4,760.00)        | \$ -                       | Move to Off Supp   |
| Splatoon Club-Activity Expense                             | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Creative Writing Club-Activity Expense                     | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Nutrition Club-Activity Expense                            | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| UB Gaming Club-Activity Expense                            | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Myanmar SA-Activity Expense                                | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Hellenic SA-Activity Expense                               | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Walking Club-Activity Expense                              | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Ski Club-Activity Expense                                  | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Muslimah Sisterhood & Stories-Activity Expense             | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| UB Fur Club-Activity Expense                               | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Cinema Creation Club-Activity Expense                      | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Ethiopian & Eritrean SA-Activity Expense                   | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Reenacting the Past-Activity Expense                       | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| Jewish Student Union-Activity Expense                      | \$ -                           | \$ 250.00            | \$ 250.00                  | New Club Budget  |
| New Clubs And Appeals-Activity Expense                     | \$ 6,574.15                    | \$ (3,500.00)        | \$ 3,074.15                | Move money to new clubs  |



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**Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#19**

**Subject:** Resolution to Remove Senator from Advocacy Committee at Such  
Senator's Request

**Requested by:** Aidan Thomas, Senate Chairperson; Grant Peterson, Senator.

**WHEREAS**, Senator Grant Peterson has indicated in writing to University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. ("SA") administration that he no longer wishes to serve on the SA Advocacy Committee; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Grant Peterson is, at his request only and for no other reason, removed from the SA Advocacy Committee; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution is effective immediately.



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**Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#20**

**Subject:** Resolution to Update Insurance Requirements for International Travel  
**Requested by:** Aisha Adam, SA President; Will Dong; SA Vice President for Clubs; Ben Lau, SA Vice President for Events; Jack Koscinski, SA Treasurer.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the University at Buffalo Student Association Inc. Travel Policy is amended, such that the text of item 3 under the “Additional Requirements for International Travel” heading is replaced with the following text, without quotation marks:

“Each traveler, at their own expense, must acquire ~~medical insurance and medical evacuation/repatriation~~ such insurance coverage that is required of students travelling internationally through UB that will cover them in the host country. Students are encouraged to consult with UB’s Student Health Insurance office regarding obtaining such coverage.”; and

**BE IT RESOLVED** that this Resolution is effective immediately; any underlining that appears in this Resolution shall not appear in the text of the amended policy; and any struck-through text in this Resolution shall not appear in the text of the amended policy.



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## **Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#21**

**Subject:** By-Laws Amendment to Clarify Voting Timeframes for SA Elections

**Requested:** Grant Peterson, Senator; Joshua Brodsky, Senator

**Whereas,** the current By-Laws do not establish a maximum or minimum duration for the voting period in any SA election, and the absence of defined time limits creates the potential for inconsistency between election cycles and may either dilute voter engagement or suppress turnout depending on the length set by successive administrations;

**Whereas,** establishing reasonable boundaries for the duration of the voting period promotes fairness, predictability, and respect for students' time and schedules, ensuring that all Members or potential members of SA have equal opportunity to participate in elections without undue burden;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the SA Senate hereby amends the By-Laws, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9.02, as follows:

### **Amendment 1: Section 4.01(a)(ii) — Senate Elections**

The following language shall be added at the end of Section 4.01(a)(ii), after the existing text:

“The voting period for any Senate Election shall not exceed ten (10) calendar days, equivalent to two hundred and forty (240) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. The voting period for any Senate Election shall not be less than five (5) calendar days, equivalent to one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. These provisions shall also apply to any special election or runoff election for Senator positions.”

### **Amendment 2: Section 5.02(f)(ii) — Officer Elections**

The following language shall be added at the end of Section 5.02(f)(ii), after the existing text:

“The voting period for any Officer election shall not exceed ten (10) calendar days, equivalent to two hundred and forty (240) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. The voting period for any Officer

election shall not be less than five (5) calendar days, equivalent to one hundred and twenty (120) consecutive hours, inclusive of weekends and University holidays, measured from the opening of voting to the closing of voting. These provisions shall also apply to any special election or runoff election for Officer positions.”

**Be it further resolved** that all other provisions of the By-Laws not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect;

**Be it further resolved** that this amendment shall take effect on May 15, 2026, and shall apply to all elections held on or after that date.



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**Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#22**

**Subject:** Ensuring Transparency in the Oversight of the Elections and Compliance Chairperson

**Requested:** Grant Peterson, Senator; Joshua Brodsky, Senator

**Whereas**, the integrity and transparency of SA elections depends on the independence of the Elections and Compliance Chairperson, who governs all election proceedings under By-Laws Section 5.03(a);

**Whereas**, the current By-Laws do not establish specific procedures or criteria for the removal of the Elections and Compliance Chairperson during an active election, and clarifying these procedures would promote fairness, accountability, and public confidence in the election process;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the SA Senate hereby amends the By-Laws, pursuant to Article IX, Section 9.02, as follows:

**Amendment 1: Section 5.02(g)(iii)**

The fourth sentence of Section 5.02(g)(iii), which currently reads “Appointees may be removed by joint act of the President and the Treasurer with or without cause,” shall be amended to read:

“Except where otherwise stated in the By-Laws, appointees may be removed by joint act of the President and the Treasurer with or without cause.”

**Amendment 2: Section 5.03(a) — New Subsections**

The following subsections shall be added to Section 5.03(a):

(viii) The President and Treasurer shall not terminate the Elections and Compliance Chairperson during times of election, as defined in Section 5.03(a)(iii), except as provided in this section, or if due to violation of SA’s Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy.

(ix) During an election, the President and Treasurer may jointly suspend the Elections and Compliance Chairperson only for cause: (a) intentional material violation of SA’s Election Rules or these By-Laws; (b) demonstrated bias toward or against any candidate; (c) failure to perform the duties of the position; or (d) conduct constituting cause under Section 8.02 of these By-Laws. The President or Treasurer shall notify the Senate Chairperson in writing within twenty-four (24) hours of any such suspension, stating the specific grounds therefore.

(x) Any such suspension shall last only until the next Regular or Special Meeting of the SA Senate, at which the Senate shall vote to affirm, reverse, or modify the suspension. If the Senate meets but takes no action on the suspension, the suspension shall be deemed affirmed. If no Senate meeting is held within fourteen (14) calendar days, the suspension shall automatically expire.

(xi) Only the SA Senate may permanently remove the Elections and Compliance Chairperson during an election, except if due to violation of SA's Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy. The Elections and Compliance Chairperson shall receive advance written notice of proposed removal, including specific grounds, at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the relevant Senate meeting, and shall have the opportunity to address the Senate before any vote.

**Be it further resolved** that all other provisions of the By-Laws not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect;

**Be it further resolved** that this amendment shall take effect immediately upon passage by the SA Senate.



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**Resolution - 2025-2026 - S#23**

**Subject:** Endorsing a Student Body Referendum on Student Space Allocation

**Requested:** Grant Peterson, Senator; Joshua Brodsky, Senator

**Whereas,** the SA Senate unanimously passed Resolution 2025-2026-S#10 on November 19, 2025, encouraging the University to review and potentially revise room allocation policies and to consult with affected student organizations, among other items;

**Whereas,** the University's booking-based room reservation system has not received any substantive modification since the passage of Resolution S#10;

**Whereas,** students have a direct interest in how student union spaces partially funded by mandatory student fees are allocated, and a referendum would allow all Members of SA to express their position;

**Therefore, be it resolved** that the SA Senate endorses a referendum to be placed before the student body, asking whether the University should modify its room reservation system to include provisions for dedicated, long-term spaces for student organizations that demonstrate a need for consistent access, while ensuring these provisions are applied equitably without favoritism toward any specific organization or viewpoint;

**Be it further resolved** that the SA recommends the referendum be administered by UB Student Engagement in coordination with all of the University's student governments for a full-body perspective on the issue;

**Be it further resolved** that the SA President or their designee shall communicate SA's preferences for specific wording;

**Be it further resolved** that the results of the referendum shall be communicated by the SA President to the University administration as a formal expression of student opinion;

**Be it further resolved** that the SA Senate encourages other student governance bodies to pursue similar efforts at modifying UB's room reservation system.